SI.No.	Name of District	Value of the proposal (Rs. in lakh)
14.	Wardha	799.75
15.	Nagpur	806.00
16.	Bhandara	733.45
17.	Gondiya	893.22
18.	Chandrapur	799.80
19.	Gadchiroli	793.85
20.	Thane	855.97
21.	Raigad	810.07
22.	Ratnagiri	821.00
23.	Sindhudurg	843.15
24.	Nasik	802.75
25.	Dhule	618.73
26.	Nandurbar	776.99
27.	Jalgaon	793.50
28.	Ahmadnagar	797.05
29.	Pune	805.70
30.	Sangali	894.30
31.	Solapur	863.16
32.	Kolhapur	800.55
33.	Satara	856.65
	Total	26466.47

Charge for power from Agricultural Consumers

*210.DR.AKHILESHDAS:
SHRIAIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Chief Ministers had agreed in March, 2001, to charge at least 50 paise per unit of power from agricultural consumers;

(b) if so, in what context such a decision was taken at the Chief Ministers meet;

(c) whether some of the States failed to comply with the said agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons advanced by these States therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRIANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) The Chief Ministers Conference held on 3rd March, 2001 resolved that "it is necessary to move away from the regime of providing free power. The past decision of CMs of a minimum agricultural tariff of 50 paise may be implemented immediately".

(b) This has been done in the context of the past decisions of:-

(i) Chief Ministers' conference held in 1993

(ii) Recommendations of the National Development Council (NDC) Committee of Chief Ministers of Power in 1994

(iii) Power Ministers' Conference held in 1996

aimed at rationalization of tariff and facilitating the achievement of commercial viability in the power sector.

(c) and (d) Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were giving free supply of electricity to the agriculture sector till recently. Punjab has recently imposed a tariff on agriculture consumption. Madhya Pradesh has now restricted free supply to only small and marginal farmers of SC/ ST category. Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has also proposed imposition of tariff for agricultural supplies in their tariff petition filed before the State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Visit of Officers of Power Grid Corporation of India to China

*212.SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation from Power Grid Corporation of India visited China recently on a fact finding mission;